

# Remember... Every Vote Counts!



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# Voting is as easy as 1-2-3 !



1. Sign up to vote



2. Get ready to vote



3. Go Vote!



Hartford Voter's Guide



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## Sign up to vote

### *To sign up to vote, you have to be*

- a United States citizen
- a resident of Hartford
- 17 years old, but 18 by election Day

You don't have to register again unless you move, change your name, or change your political party.



## Get ready to vote

### *Get informed*

- Before you vote, learn about what you will be voting on.
- Talk about the issues and candidates with your family and friends.
- Get information from many different places so you can make the choices that are right for you.
- Find your polling place by looking it up at [www.Hartford.gov](http://www.Hartford.gov) or call 543-8585



## Go Vote!!

### *What happens when I vote at my polling place?*

- You will be asked to give your street address, and your name.
- Show your identification.
- If your name is not on the list do not leave the polling place, the election official will assist you.
- Do not feel rushed and ask for help if you need it.
- Polls are open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm

## Join a Political Party

- When you sign up to vote, you will be asked to join a political party.

- A political party is a group of people who share the same ideas about what government should do.

### Major Connecticut Parties

• **Republican**

• **Democrat**

### Minor Hartford Parties

• **Green Party**

• **Hartford Together**

• **Working Families**

### Minor Connecticut Parties

• **Concerned Citizens**

• **Libertarian**

- If you register with a party, you vote for that party's candidates in the primary. Or, you can choose not to enroll in a party.

### Primary

Voters select candidates from their party for different elected offices.

### General Election

Winners from the Primary run against each other to see who will be elected. Voters can choose candidates from any party.

## Vote Absentee Ballot

If you are unable to vote in person due to one of the following reasons, you may Vote by Absentee Ballot :

- Illness or physical disability
- Away from town during all hours of voting
- Religious beliefs forbids secular (non-religious) activity on that day
- Serve as an Election Official at a polling place other than their own
- Active service in the U.S. Armed Forces

To apply for an Absentee Ballot, you will need to fill out an application in writing.

*You can get an application at the Town Clerk's Office, 550 Main Street or call: (860) 543-8580*